

House Resolution No. 2498

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives hold in high esteem those Show-Me State educators whose considerable contribution of time and energy helps ensure that students obtain the knowledge, skills, and experiences necessary to become lifelong learners, involved citizens, and future societal leaders; and

Whereas, Dr. D. Kent King of Rolla, Missouri, has attained considerable distinction as the Missouri Commissioner of Education, a leadership calling that he began on September 22, 2000, upon appointment by the Missouri State Board of Education; and

Whereas, on Sunday, May 4, 2008, Dr. Kent King will enhance his already impressive record of achievement when the Rolla School District names its administration building as the D. Kent King Administration Center; and

Whereas, a former Superintendent of Schools for the Rolla district, Dr. Kent King prepared for his diverse endeavors in life by earning a Bachelor's degree from the University of Central Missouri, a Master's degree from Drury University, and a Doctorate in educational administration from Oklahoma State University; and

Whereas, Dr. Kent King began his educational career as an English teacher in Houston, Missouri, and after having earned his Doctorate he became Superintendent of Schools in Licking, Missouri, and then in Rolla; and

Whereas, after retirement from Rolla schools in 1996, Dr. Kent King continued to serve the educational community by directing the Missouri School Improvement Program and serving as Deputy Commissioner and Acting Commissioner for the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education; and

Whereas, Dr. Kent King is justifiably proud also to be known as the beloved husband of Sandy King; the loving father of Tracey and Doug James, Dr. Derick and Jackie King, and Kevin King; and wonderful grandfather of Kayla, Kelsi, Kathryne, Sarah, and Samuel:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join unanimously to applaud the personal and professional accomplishments garnered thus far in the life and work of Dr. Kent King and to convey to him this legislative body's most heartfelt congratulations for serving as the namesake of the Rolla public schools Administration Center; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for presentation to Dr. D. Kent King of Rolla, Missouri.

Offered by _____
Representative Bob May
District No. 149

Representative Don Wells
District No. 147

Representative Jason Smith
District No. 150

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, Second Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. 2498, adopted May 1, 2008.

Rod Jetton, Speaker